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The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

Weekly Staff Newsletter
January 22, 1999

Women in Science: Conversations in Conservation opens today

Women in Science: Conversations in Conservation, a complement to *Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon*, explores a variety of careers involving conservation through the words and images of seven Field Museum women. This Searle Lounge exhibit opens Friday, January 22, and runs through June.

A kiosk in Searle Lounge will allow visitors to access the *Women in Science* Web site beginning January 22. The new site features interviews with 13 women in science, along with profiles of past pioneers of The Field Museum, resource links for students and teachers, and educational activities.

Of course, the stories of the featured women are the heart and soul of this project. Their assistance has been immeasurable! **Shannon Hackett, Nancy Hensold, Wendy Jackson, Debby Moskovits, Francie Muraski-Stotz, Mary Anne Rogers, Petra Sierwald, Margaret Thayer, Laura Torres, Janet Voight, Meenakshi Wadhwa, Alaka Wali,** and **Qiuxin Wu** are truly role models for us all!

The development of both the exhibit and web site has been the epitome of teamwork! "Thank you" is an understatement. Team Field includes:

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Lance Kirsch
David Mendez
Teresa Murray
Michael Paha
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Submitted by **Anamari Golf**

FIELD NOTES
Week of January 25

Public Events/Special Events

Museum Open Until 8 p.m. Monday

Teachers' Symposium: *Origins*
- Monday 4 p.m., MWH

Music Theater Workshop
- Monday – Friday 5 p.m.
  LH2, Clrm C

Tuesday Noon Lecture Series
- Zoology Classroom

Motorcycle Film Series
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
  Sunday 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Cinema Academy
- Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.
  James Simpson Theater

Museology
- Thursday 12:30 p.m., Clrm B

Navajo Lecture
- Saturday 10 a.m., MWH

Staff/Volunteer Events

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m.
  Ground Floor, East Stairwell

Groundhog Job Shadow Day '99: Share your work day with a student

On February 2, 1999, 500,000 students across America will get a close-up look at how the skills they learn in school are put into action in the workplace. They will shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal work day. Please consider being a part of this important national effort. We are hoping to shadow at least ten kids in The Field Museum on February 2.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day '99 is a joint effort of a coalition comprised of America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth (founded by Colin Powell), the National School-to-Work Office, Junior Achievement, and the American Society of Association Executives.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact **Mark Larson** (ext. 601) in the Department of Education and Outreach.

Submitted by **Mark Larson**

Mark Westneat elected chair of Science Advisory Council

The Science Advisory Council of Academic Affairs has elected a new Chair, **Mark Westneat**, from the Department of Zoology. **Janet Voight**, also from Zoology, has been elected Vice-Chair. I welcome their leadership for the active year that lies ahead, and thank the members of SAC who have helped and supported me during my chairmanship.

Submitted by **Scott Lidgard**, former SAC chair

Special thanks to all those who helped with the opening of *Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon*

Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon opens to the public on Friday, January 22, with a scheduled run through April 30. As always, the talent and enthusiasm of many dedicated staff members promises to make this exhibition a great success.

Much thanks goes to the Exhibit Design and Production Staff for their terrific skills and professionalism. Your amazing sense of teamwork was the key to installing this exhibition beautifully and on an amazingly tight time schedule:

Abe Bloom
Peter DeReimer
Harry Eddelman
Rudy Garcia
David Hodges
Bruce Heimbuch
Rick Hope
Lance Kirsch
Steve Lalik
Eric Lindveit
Eric Manabat
Teresa Murray
Kent Peaslee
Nina Sweeney
Trigg Waller

Special thanks also goes to those in all the other departments whose contributions have been innumerable, including **Bronwyn Eves** (Conservation), **Kristie Webber**, **Beth Adams**, and **Beth Crownover** (Education), **Stacy Rhoads** (Development), **Cynthia Andresen** (Women's Board), **Stephanie Powell** (President's Office), and everyone on our fabulous Public Relations staff.

Thanks again to all for a terrific installation!

Submitted by **Kimberly Singleton**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Museum open until 8:00pm Eric-Loading dock in use 8am-4pm Dreamworks-SFH/JST/Founders' Rom 5:30pm-10:00pm 300	2 Lakewood Expo/Bill Com Expo-SFH 5:30pm-7:30pm	3 John McCarter-whole Museum LSanders-AOTM	4 SBell-Motorcycle Exhibit/SFH/JST 5:30pm-10:00pm 300 Field Assoc-Set-up	5 African Heritage set-up 3pm-7pm SSTott-JST 5pm-10pm	6 African Heritage Festival – SFH/JST 9:00am-4:00pm Rabi Matanky-SFH LSnders-Rice 6pm-11pm
7 African Heritage Festival-SFH/JST 9:00am-4:00pm Members lecture-JST 12pm-5pm	8 African Heritage Festival - SFH/JST/Rice 9:00am-4:00pm J.McCarter-Grainger Gallery 50 Museum open until 8:00pm	9 African Heritage Festival – SFH/JST 8:00am-1:00pm L.Nano-AOTM-5:30pm-10:30pm GM Productions-SFH/Rice	10	11 SBell-Motorcycle Exhibit/JST 5:30pm-10:00pm 300	12 JByrnes-Overnight	13 Little Co of Mary Found-SFH/Bal 6:30pm-12:00am 700 Dino Days-JST/SFH 8am-4pm
14 Dinos and More-SFH/JST 8:00am-4:00pm	15 Dinos and More-SFH/JST 10:00am-1:00pm Museum open until 8:00pm	16 Dino Concert-JST 9am-2pm	17 T-Special Events-SFH/JST Ash Wednesday	18 SBell-Motorcycle – SFH/Exhibit/JST 5:30pm-10:00pm 300	19 South Cook Cty Girl Scouts-SFH/Bal 6:00pm-9:00pm 800 Dino Concert Rehearsal-JST 9am-2pm	20 Marklund-SFH BAdams-SFH/JST 9:00am-3:00pm LDini-Prep Lab 10am-2pm
21 BAdams-SFH 9am-4pm SKaruschak-JST 10am-4pm Lsanders-Searle Lounge/AOTM 5:30pm-9pm	22 Museum open until 8:00pm	23	24 Arthur Gallagher-SFH/BAL 6:30pm-10:30pm 250 Cinema Academy-JST 9:00am-1:00pm	25 Chaplain Butler-SFH 200 Cinema Academy-JST 9:00am-1:00pm	26 JByrnes-Overnight Cinema Academy-JST 9:00am-1:00pm	27 Frances Xavier Warde Elem. School-SFH/Bal 8:00pm-12:00am 1000
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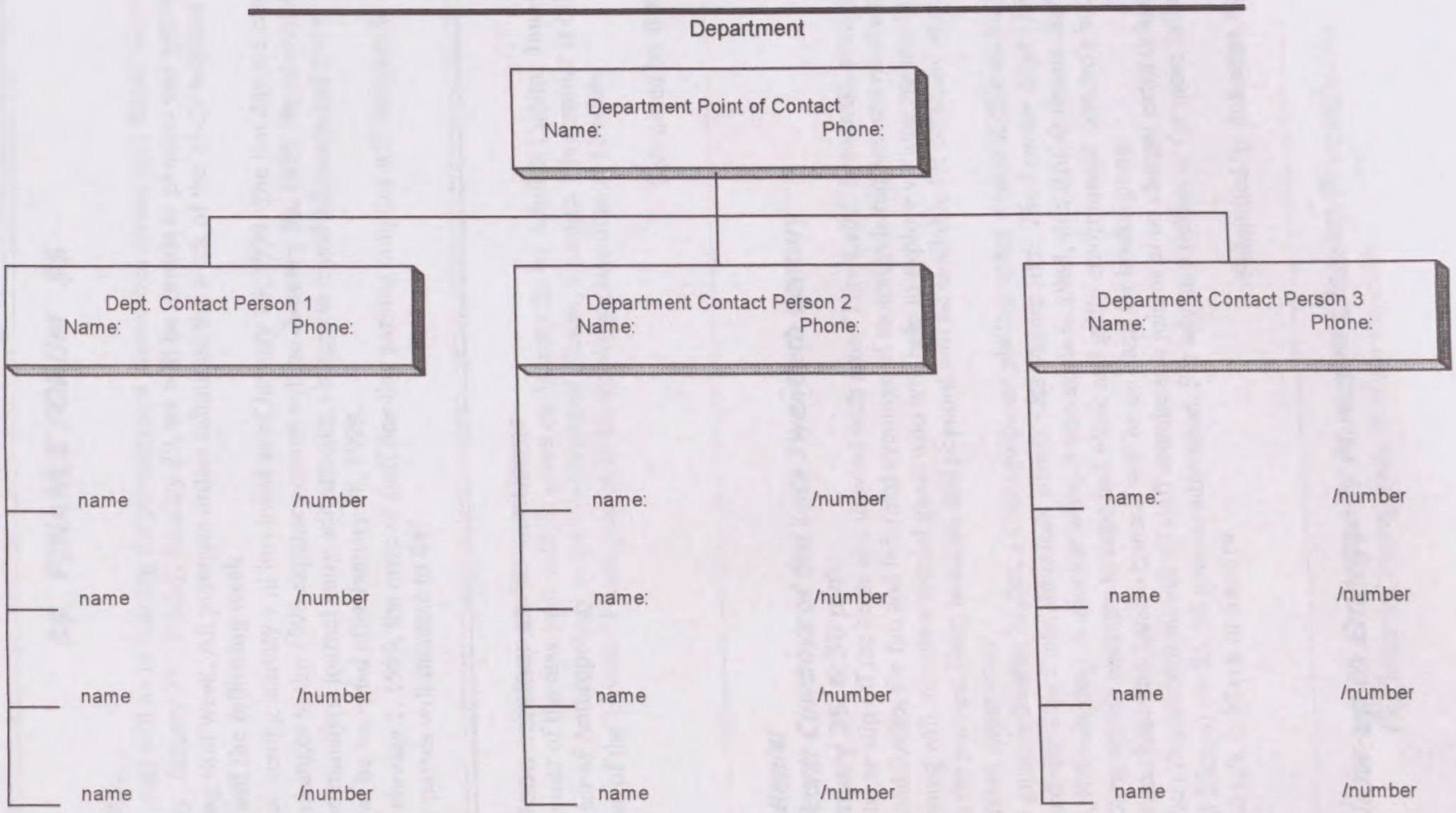

When called by the Security Console, the Department Point of Contact initiates the calling tree by calling the next contact persons, who call the employees in their chain. The last employee called in each chain then calls back the department contact person, to verify all contacts. (If the dept. contact person cannot be reached, the console will call the next designated person, until a department representative has been notified.

$$ FINANCE FORUM $$

REMINDERS…..

- Because our staff will be in training for procurement procedures on our new financial software from Monday, January 25 – Friday, January 29, **we will be unable to process any purchase orders during that week**. All purchase orders submitted the week of the 25-29 **will not be processed until the following week**.
- The 1998 Accounting activity will be closed as of January 29, 1999. The last day we can accept requests for changes to the 1998 expense records will be **January 28, 1999**. Be advised that 1998 expense transfers, journal entry adjustments, charges to travel advances and travel expense reports *cannot* be accepted after January 28, 1999.
- Beginning February 1, 1999, the price of staff one-day parking coupons will increase to $4 each, and monthly passes will increase to $45.

Tuesday at Noon seminar series continues

Our first seminar of the new year with be given on January 26 by Adjunct Curator **James Phillips**, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. His seminar is titled "The Upper Paleolithic of the Levant." Please join us in the Zoology classroom at 12 noon.

Submitted by **Bill Burger**

Wheels and Reels!
American Bikers: Cowboys of the Late Twentieth Century
Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.

Loosen the tie or slip off the heels and unwind with Kris "TigerLady" Slawinski, producer and host of Open Road Radio, for fun and informal evenings of motorcycle movies and roadhouse treats. Each evening will include a special guest who will help to explore various aspects of motorcycling in the movies. Beer, hotdogs, and popcorn will be available for purchase to complete this total immersion experience!

This week's guest is Sandro Miller, a Chicago-based photographer who will discuss his latest book of black and white portraits, *American Bikers*. Our feature film: *The Leather Boys* (1963, Sidney J. Furie, 108 minutes). A shocker when it was made in 1963, this British drama depicts a disillusioned young bride's attempts to cope in a bleak and gritty environment. Sandro's books will be available for purchase and Sandro himself will be on hand for booksigning.

The Education Department invites all staff members to join us at no charge; extra tickets (for staff family and friends) are $5, $8 general admission. For advance tickets or for more information call ext. 854 and talk to **Mark** or **Sandra**.

Submitted by **Johanna Krynytzky**

Follow-up to Emergency Museum Closing Procedures:

The internal emergency hotline extension is 790.

Submitted by **Diane White**

Mark your calendars...

... for The Field Associates' upcoming event celebrating *The Art of the Motorcycle:*

HOGS IN THE HALL
A Ride Through The Ages
Food Fashion Funk
When: Friday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.
There will be a "Best of Leather" fashion frenzy at 9 p.m.
Where: Stanley Field Hall
Attire: Leather...

Tickets are $20 for staff, $45 for general public ($50 at the door). For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call **Stephanie Powell** at ext. 846.

Submitted by **Stephanie Powell**

FAN MAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 4, I visited The Field Museum along with my daughter, Carol, and my grandchildren, Lauren (5 ½) and William (2 ½). As a former Chicago resident, I had taken my daughters to The Field Museum many times.

The grandchildren were excited about seeing dinosaurs and everything was going wonderfully until we entered the rain forest exhibit near the dinosaurs. There were a number of students from local schools present and my granddaughter became frightened. One of your volunteer guides stepped forward and started to talk to her. After a brief period, my granddaughter calmed down and we proceeded on our tour, the guide and granddaughter hand in hand. The guide stayed with us through the entire exhibit, answering questions and explaining about dinosaurs, etc. It helped make our Chicago visit a very enjoyable experience.

My letter is to let you know that the volunteer guide, **Beth Spencer**, did a wonderful job with my granddaughter and we very much appreciate her efforts. I hope to return to The Field Museum again someday with my grandchildren. I'm sure they will ask if Beth Spencer is available to show them around.

Please pass along my, and my daughter's, thanks to Beth for all her assistance and support.

Respectfully,
James H. Buterbaugh

Submitted by **Patti Stratton**

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